RIP*bar* Version **6.0**
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Introduction

Welcome to RipBAR. This utility is designed to provide several features in one easy-to-use application that takes up as little screen "real estate" as possible.

RipBAR provides services like application launching, drag and drop launching, memory and resource tracking, task switching, date / time display, Post-It style notes, HotKey access and more-- rolled into one, unobtrusive package. Even if you have something like Norton Desktop, you'll still appreciate the fact that RipBAR is always within easy reach on the screen, and that vital statistics like time, date, memory stats and the like are only a glance away.

Version 6.0 is the latest update but remains completely compatible with older versions of the settings file if you have one.

RipBAR is available for both Windows 3.1 and Windows NT. Where instructions differ between the two versions, mention of the difference will be made.

Where to go from here

RipBAR is easy to use, ***but you should read through the help file provided so that you learn about all of the features available***-- many of these features are available ***only*** by clicking in different places on the bar. Click on the Help icon on the RipBAR bar, or double-click on the Clock Pane in RipBAR to access Help.

See the section entitled *New And Improved* for information about what is new in this version.

So what does it cost?

RipBAR is shareware. The version you have in your hands is a complete working version. There are no annoying reminder screens about what it costs, and there are no disabled features. If however, you find this application useful and you use it regularly, I'd appreciate the modest sum of $25. If you don't think RipBAR is worth $25, send me mail (or email) and tell me why-- perhaps your suggestions will be incorporated in a future version.

You may now register your copy of RipBAR via CompuServe. Simply type GO

SWREG at any CompuServe prompt and follow instructions. You may search for RipBAR there by using the RIPBAR keyword.

Installation

Windows 3.1
Installation is easy. Place **RIPBAR16.EXE** and **RIP_BAR.HLP** in a directory of their own-- and enjoy. You can add RipBAR to your Program Manager (or Norton Desktop etc.) or you can do as I do, and add it to your startup group so that it runs first thing when you boot Windows. Finally, place **CTL3DV2.DLL** and **RIPKHOOK.DLL** (which is new in V6.0) in your Windows' System directory. **Once you're done, be sure to *delete* the two .DLL files from the directory RipBAR is in.** (See the special note below.) You're ready to run!

*Special Note : **CTL3DV2.DLL** must be placed in your Windows' System directory. It must **not** be in the same directory as RipBAR. When CTL3DV2 loads, it checks to see that is is being loaded from the WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory. If it isn't you'll get a message saying that it hasn't been installed correctly-- there must be only **one** copy of this file on your system. Second, the version of CTL3DV2 shipped with RipBAR is dated October, 1993-- if ever you get display problems in RipBAR, check to see that some other program hasn't placed an older copy of RipBAR in your Windows System directory.*

Windows NT
Installation is easy. Place **RIPBAR32.EXE** and **RIP_BAR.HLP** in a directory of their own. Place **CTL3D32.DLL** and **RIPKH32.DLL** in your Windows' NT SYSTEM32 directory. You can add RipBAR to your Program Manager or you can do as I do, and add it to your startup group so that it runs first thing when you boot Windows. You're ready to run!

New And Improved

The following is new / improved in Version 6.0

> - Icons may be sized on the bar - Normal, Small or Very Small.
> - New Disk Tool-- for important Disk Information
> - New Bubble Help replaces item title popups
> - Notes Tool enhancements
> - Icon Caching fixes
> - Startup Group supported for those using RipBAR as the Windows Shell.
> - New Tuck-Away feature.

> ... And more

For a complete history of version enhancements, consult the online Help file.

Where to find me

If you try / use RipBAR, I'd like to hear what you think. There are four ways to get ahold of me :

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